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IV, E	Jacob Brown, KCFD	IV, E states: "If a family member requests resuscitative measures despite a valid DNR or POLST, continue resuscitative measures until base hospital contact is made." This should not be allowed. The patient with a valid DNR or POLST has made their wishes clear, and made the decision with a sound and rational mind, under no emotional stress. The family that has called 9-1-1 and is requesting resuscitative measures is making an emotional decision based on the stress of the moment. Furthermore, the decision is in direct violation of patient wishes. As EMS professionals, we should follow a decision made in a rational setting, and not one made due to emotional reaction.	Comment acknowledged. Changed to read: "If a family member requests resuscitative measures despite a valid DNR or POLST, BLS or ALS field personnel should not initiate resuscitation. Personnel should contact a base hospital for direction, if needed."

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